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SUBJ. S&T AGREEMENT: SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING:

TRAVEL AND SITE VISITS.

REF: (A) MOSCOW 14370, (B) MOSCOW 14226

1. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON SITE VISITS IN PARA 6, REF B MOST HELPFUL. CONCUR IN ADDITION TO LIST OF POSSIBLE SITES OF TRAPEZNIKOV'S INSTITUTE OF CONTROL PROBLEMS AND KURCHATOV INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW; ELECTRONICS FACTORY, R&D LABORATORIES, AND PERHAPS VNIIFTRI IN ZELENograd IF EMBASSY BELIEVES APPROPRIATE AND IOFFE INSTITUTE AND PERHAPS SVETLANA FACTORY (ALTHOUGH PREFERABLY NOT AS SUBSTITUTE FOR ZELENograd FACILITY) IN LENINGRAD. ALSO CONCUR IN DELETION OF STATE OPTICAL INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD.

2. AGREE ON DESIRABILITY OF USDEL SPLITTING INTO SMALL GROUPS IN BOTH MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD FOR MAXIMUM COVERAGE. HOWEVER, SHOULD LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT LARGER GROUP WILL WISH TO VISIT FACILITY LIKE KRAZNAYA PAHKRA, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE AFTER SHORT GENERAL TOUR TO SPLIT FOR VISITS TO SPECIFIC INSTITUTES.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY WORKING OUT WITH SCST SUGGESTED OVERALL PROGRAM, USING TO DEGREE PRACTICABLE AND APPROPRIATE PROPOSED LIST OF POSSIBLE SITES. BELIEVE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS DESIRE OF US COMMISSION MEMBERS TO SEE

SELECTION OF HIGH-LEVEL FACILITIES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF STATE OF SOVIET SCIENCE AND PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION, AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE IF POSSIBLE A FEW FACILITIES TO WHICH US HAS HAD LITTLE OR NO ACCESS, BUT WITHOUT AROUSING DISTRUST OR RESENTMENT. WITHIN THIS GENERAL FRAMEWORK, US SIDE CONTENT TO LEAVE TO EMBASSY TASK OF DEVELOPING BALANCED PROGRAM.

4. BELIEVE BEST TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF SPLIT GROUPS AFTER PROGRAM FURTHER DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, ASSUME DR. STEVER HIMSELF SHOULD PLAN ON VISIT TO TRAPEZNIKOV'S INSTITUTE, IF ONLY AS COURTESY. HE ALSO HAS PERSONAL INTEREST IN SPACE RESEARCH. DRS. FISK, FUBINI, AND ANCKER-JOHNSON WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS. LATTER TWO WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN INSTITUTE FOR HIGH TEMPERATURES. BOTH ANCKER-JOHNSON AND LARSON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KURCHATOV INSTITUTE AND LEBEDEV PHYSICS INSTITUTE. ALTHOUGH BROOKS HAS NO SPECIAL VISIT WISHES, HE HOPES FOR APPOINTMENT WITH MARKOV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF SOVIET ACADEMY. OWEN INTERESTED IN ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD.

5. RE PAR. 4, REF A, DR. STEVER PREFERS OPTION II, INVOLVING DEPARTURE FOR LENINGRAD FRIDAY NIGHT. HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER VISIT TO LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY OR USEFUL. ALSO, WHILE WE SEE NO PARTICULAR OBJECTIONS TO NIGHT TRAIN, WE WONDER WHETHER RETURN BY PLANE TO MOSCOW MONDAY NIGHT IS IMPRACTICAL OR OTHERWISE NOT RECOMMENDED.

6. LATER MESSAGE WILL DEAL WITH WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN TRAVEL WISHES. ALSO, ONE OR TWO COMMISSION CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBERS MAY WISH TO PROPOSE SEPARATE TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW. WILL ADVISE. KISSINGER

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